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For : OPTICAL LOW-PASS FILTER



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Examiner: Not Assigned yet

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent No. 2507041, published on April 2, 1996, together with English Language translation;

U.S. Patent No. 4,743,100, to NAKADA et al., issued on May 10, 1988.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.491(b), Applicant notes that the instant application was filed after June 30, 2003, and thus, a copy of the above-mentioned U.S. patent is not attached hereto. A Copy of the above-noted foreign (i.e., Japanese) document and translation thereof is attached, and all of the above-mentioned documents have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to

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return a copy of the Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant also brings to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/771,581; to OONO, entitled "OPTICAL LOW-PASS FILTER", filed on January 30, 2001;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/749,667; to MOGAMIYA, entitled "IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE AND IT'S MOUNTING STRUCTURE FOR AN OPTICAL LOW-PASS FILTER", filed on December 28, 2000;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/657,172; to HORITA, entitled "FILTER PROCESS", filed on September 9, 2003;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/657,173; to HORITA, entitled "FILTER PROCESS", filed on September 9, 2003 and;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/715,449; to MOGAMIYA, entitled "IMAGE PICK-UP UNIT INCLUDING AN IMAGE PICK-UP DEVICE AND OPTICAL FILTER LAYERS", filed on November 19, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned U.S. patent applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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